

Subject: Re: Parker Center Building
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Date: 1/9/17, 10:34 AM
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Hi Allyson, Senhai and Andy,

Happy New Year! The last hearing for Parker Center was cancelled. It is now scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, January 10, City Hall, 10th floor at 2:30. It is important for Little Tokyo to be represented. I've attached support letters from LTBA and LTCC. If you have any questions, I am available at 323/342-0817.

Senhai, hope to see you tomorrow.

Joanne Kumamoto

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 10:13 am
Subject: Re: Parker Center Building

Hi Allyson, Senhai and Andy,

Allyson thank you for the introduction.

I am attaching a notice from the City for a public hearing on Tuesday, December 13 at 2:30 pm in Room 106, City Hall.

As Allyson can tell you we have been following the plans for the Parker Center Building (Los Angeles Street Civic Building Project) since 2006! The City has conducted an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) which give three options: 1) To leave the Building basically as is, 2) To modify the building and 3) To take the building down and rebuild the building.

The City began this process for several reasons, the building was damaged in the the earthquake and needs to be retrofitted to be occupied. Since the earthquake many city departments have been renting offices space in downtown Los Angeles and the cost of rent and time lost in travel for meetings to City Hall are all costs to the City.

Little Tokyo Business Association and the Little Tokyo BID is supporting option #3. We would like to see the building built so that it connects to Little Tokyo and provides a connection with commercial activity on the Judge John Aiso side of the building.

We hope that you or a representative are able to attend the meeting.

If you have additional questions, I am available at: 323/497-1940 mobile.

Joanne Kumamoto

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From: Alison De La Cruz <delacruz@jaccc.org>
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Sent: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 1:17 pm
Subject: Re: Parker Center Building

Dear Snehal and Andy,

I would like to introduce you to Joanne Kumamoto and some folks from the City. As you may know, the status of Parker Center has been a point of contention and conversation over the last year. With some talks of tearing it down, keeping it as a historical landmark, repurposing parts of it with major internal construction and growing it as part of a cultural pathway aligned with Grand Park and City Hall and the Civic Center in preparation for the Gold Lines station move and re-open.

Joanne please meet Snehal Desai, the new Artistic Director of East West Players. Please also meet Andy Lowe, the EWP Director of Production who has been doing lots in Little Tokyo to keep EWP connected to larger neighborhood and 1st Street North needs.

With this new re-surfacing there continue to be concerns and considerations that EWP and the rest of the Little Tokyo community can still raise.

Please let me know if you need anything else.
Thanks!
Alison

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On Tue, Dec 6, 2016 at 11:34 AM, Joanne Kumamoto <jkumamoto@aol.com> wrote:

Hi Allyson,

The status of the Parker Center building has resurfaced again, with the three options that were discussed in 2010. There is an opportunity to express Little Tokyo preference in the development of the site. Is there someone at East West Players we should contact regarding Parker

Center?

I've attached a letter Little Tokyo BID and LTBA has sent to the City. Since East West Players is across the street it is important for their voice to be heard.

I am available if you have any questions.

Joanne
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